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Reply to
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Subject:

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): Exception for Military Dependents in Residential Care with Providers

To:

STATE AGENCY DIRECTORS - Colorado DPHE, Iowa, Kansas,
(Child Nutrition Programs) Missouri DH, Montana DPHHS,
Nebraska, North Dakota,
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming

Recent events have required the deployment of United States military personnel. There now exists a situation where children of single parents, or children with both parents in the military, have been left in residence with a child care provider when other family members or friends are not available to provide care. Once in residence with the provider, however, these children, who may have been receiving CACFP benefits while in the care of the family day care home provider on a nonresidential basis, are no longer qualified for the program (beyond the 3 day emergency period established by FNS Instruction 776-4 rev 1.).

In response to this special situation, we believe that it is appropriate to continue to consider these children eligible for program benefits as nonresidential participants. To receive these benefits: (1) a child must be a dependent of military personnel deployed from their normal duty station as a result of the current situation; and (2) the child care provider must have legal power of attorney, custody or an agreement established by the military to provide residential care to the child being claimed for program benefits. The child may receive program benefits for as long as he/she is in residence with the provider. We will inform you, at the end of the deployment, when we intend to withdraw this temporary exception.

Since these children are considered under this policy to be nonresidential participants, the terms of their participation will be consistent with that of all other nonresidential children.

All State Agency Directors

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If you have questions regarding this memorandum, please contact a member of the CACFP staff at (303) 844-0359.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Brian Allison".

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